

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? _____

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☐ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☒ Other: SEE attached letter

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

SEE attached letter

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project



If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☒ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

SEE attached letter

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.



June 22, 2009

USDA Rural Development
ATTN: Ms. Stephanie A. Strength
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RE: CAPX 2020 TRANSMISSION LINE

Dear Ms. Strength:

B-017-001

This correspondence is to provide public comment regarding the CapX 2020 High Voltage transmission line should the route chosen be through Winona, MN crossing the Mississippi River at the East End Boat Harbor. In reviewing this route, it appears the transmission line would come through or in close proximity of two proposed future manufacturing site locations (a 14-acre parcel located at 1416-1510 East Eighth Street and a 13-acre parcel located at 1050 East Fourth Street which adjoins the East End Boat Harbor). The 13-acre parcel located at 1050 East Fourth Street has had engineering and excavation work completed and has been prepared for future construction of a 175,000 square foot manufacturing building. The 14-acre site located at 1416-1510 East Eighth Street has also had engineering and excavation work completed and is prepared for future construction of a 60,000 square foot manufacturing building to be built near the existing 16,000 square foot office building.

RTP Company wishes to express our concern, as the routing of these transmission lines through this property may cause the restriction or possible elimination of already proposed future manufacturing capability in Winona, Minnesota. We currently employ 260 people in Winona. At a time when our economy (national and local) needs to provide assistance and incentives for further manufacturing, impairing this site and our company's projects would be counterproductive.

We respectfully request this be given careful consideration during the planning and placement process of the transmission lines.

Yours truly,

RTP COMPANY

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.